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1. THREE DAYS OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS COVERING OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN CURRENT US-ITALIAN AIR NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETED TODAY. PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED MULTIPLE DESIGNATION AND ALL CARGO SERVICES.

2. A NUMBER OF IDEAS REPRESENTING POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS WERE DISCUSSED. AT THE ITALIAN REQUEST, THE US REPS AGREED TO EXPLORE WITHIN USG SEVERAL POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES.

3. ITALIANS REFUSED TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION BECAUSE THEY SAID SIGNED DOCUMENT OF THIS NATURE WOULD EMPHASIZE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO SIDES ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES. THEY REQUESTED HOWEVER A COPY OF LIST OF ITEMS WHICH THE US REPS WERE PREPARED TO EXAMINE. MEADOWS/WATSON RETURNING WITH LIST.

4. DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN VERY CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. BOTH SIDES REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY RESOLVING OUTSTANDING ISSUES THROUGH FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. MATTER LEFT THAT MEADOWS WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH SANTINI UPON COMPLETION US EXAMINATION POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO DETERMINE PROCEDURE FOR CARRYING ON FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. IN LIGHT OF THIS US REPS DOUBT THAT ITALIANS LIKELY TAKE ACTION AGAINST US CARRIERS IN NEAR FUTURE. SANTINI DID MENTION ITALIAN INTEREST IN COMMENCING SERVICES TO LOS ANGELES AS SOON AS APRIL 1 ALTHOUGH WAS NOT VERY HAPPY WITH US RESPONSE THAT US CONSIDERATION OF SUCH REQUEST WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY HELPED IF SOME ADJUSTMENT, SUCH AS BANGKOK-HONG KONG

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